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I.   AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 9, and replace claims 1, 8, 10, 13, 16, and 18 as

shown below. All pending claims are reproduced below, including those that remain unchanged.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1.   (Currently Amended):   A method for creating multimedia

meeting minutes, comprising the steps of:

receiving a notation from a notetaking user during a meeting;

automatically recording an index value for the notation, the index value based on

the context of the notation;

receiving a quantity of multimedia information from at least one multimedia

source;

automatically selecting at least one portion of the quantity of the multimedia

information based on the index value of the notation;

automatically creating an association between the notation and the selected portion

of the quantity of multimedia information, where the association enables access to the

selected portion of the quantity of multimedia information; and

storing the notation and the association for retrieval at a future time, where the

future time is one of a time during the meeting and a time after the meeting.; and

wherein a single action by the notetaking user initiates the steps of receiving the

notation, recording, selecting, creating, and storing.

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Claim 2.   (Canceled)

Claim 3.   (Canceled)

Claim 4.   (Original):   The method of claim 1, where:

the quantity of multimedia information includes information for accessing a second

quantity of multimedia information.

Claim 5.   (Canceled)

Claim 6.   (Canceled)

Claim 7.   (Canceled)

Claim 8.   (Currently Amended):   The method of claim 1, where:

the steps of receiving a notation, recording, receiving a quantity of information,

selecting, creating, and storing are repeated for a plurality of notations; further including the

step of:

transmitting the plurality of notations and their respective associations via an electronic

network to at least one user for future retrieval by said user.

Claim 9.   (Canceled)

Claim 10.   (Currently Amended):   The method of claim 8[[9]], wherein:

the plurality of the notations and their respective associations are transmitted via an

electronic mail message.

Claim 11.   (Original):   The method of claim 8, further including the steps of :

receiving a quantity of information from a user; and

revising at least one of the stored notations and its respective association in response to

the quantity of information received from the user.

Claim 12.   (Original):   The method of claim 11, where:

the quantity of information received from a user includes a copy of at least a portion of

the plurality of notations, where the user has altered at least one of the plurality of notations to

indicate the desired revision.

Claim 13.   (Currently Amended): The method of claim 8[[9]], further including the

steps of:

receiving a quantity of information from a user;

revising at least one of the stored notations and its respective association in response to

the quantity of information received from the user; and wherein:

in the step of transmitting, the plurality of notations and the respective

notations are transmitted as an electronic mail message via an electronic mail network,

the electronic mail message containing a predetermined electronic mail address; and

in the step of receiving a quantity of information from a user, the quantity of

information is received via the predetermined electronic mail address.

Claim 14.   (Original):   The method of claim 13, where:

the quantity of information received from the user includes a copy of at least a portion

of the plurality of notations, where the user has altered at least one of the plurality of notations

to indicate the desired revision.

Claim 15.   (Original):   An apparatus containing a set of processor readable

instructions and communicating with a programmable device through at least one

communication link, wherein the programmable device including at least one processor

responsive to the set of processor readable instructions, wherein the set of instructions directs

the programmable device to perform a method for creating multimedia meeting minutes, the

method comprising the steps of:

receiving a plurality of notations from a notetaking user;

recording an index value for each of the plurality of notations, the index value based on the context of each notation;

receiving a quantity of multimedia information from at least one multimedia source;

selecting at least one portion of the quantity of the multimedia information based on the index value of each notation;

creating an association between each of the plurality of notations and the selected portion of the quantity of multimedia information, where the association enables access to the selected portion of the quantity of multimedia information;

storing the plurality of notations and the respective associations for retrieval at a future time; and

transmitting the plurality of notations and their respective associations via an electronic network to at least one user.

Claim 16.   (Currently Amended): The apparatus of claim 15, where:

the apparatus communicates a first subset of instructions to a first processor within the programmable device, the first subset of instructions directing the first processor to perform a first portion of the steps of the method; and

the apparatus communicates a second subset of instructions to a second processor within the programmable device, the second subset of instructions directing the second processor to perform a second portion of the steps of the method.

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Claim 17.   (Original)   The apparatus of claim 15, where the method further includes the steps of:

receiving a copy of at least a portion of the plurality of notations and the respective associations from at least one user, where the copy includes an alteration to at least one of the notations;

modifying the stored plurality of notations and the respective associations in accordance to the alteration; and

wherein, the second copy of at least a portion of the plurality of notations is received via an electronic mail message.

Claim 18.   (Currently Amended): The apparatus of claim 17, where:

the first subset of instructions directs the first processor to perform the steps of receiving a plurality of notations and recording an index value; and

the second subset of instructions directs the second processor to perform the steps of receiving a quantity of multimedia information, selecting at least one portion of the quantity, creating an association, storing the plurality of notations, transmitting the plurality of notations, receiving a copy of at least a portion of the plurality of notations, and modifying the stored plurality of notations.

19.   (Original):   The method of claim 15, where:

the future time is during the meeting.

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20.   (Original):   The method of claim 19, where:

the association enables access to a slide.

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